

WANT DEFINITE BREAK WITH MEXICO AND END OF DIPLOMATIC PARLEY

A Resolution Now Before Congress Would Request Pres. Wilson to Sever Relation and Hand Over Passports to the Mexican Ambassador.

LANSING HAS BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY

State Department Has Received Word That the Reply of United States on the Matter Has Been Received by President Carranza.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Secretary Lansing will be called before the Senate foreign relations committee before action is taken on the resolution of Senator Fall, Republican, New Mexico, requesting President Wilson to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico. The committee hopes to have the secretary before it later today.

Decision to call Mr. Lansing for a discussion of the Mexican question was reached by the committee after a two hours' session behind closed doors.

Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico, was before the committee today to give his views on the Mexican situation. The discussion was said to have revealed considerable differences of opinion among committee members regarding the best method of protecting American interests in the southern republic.

When the committee recessed, senators said the whole situation was in an uncertain state. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, acting Democratic leader, said the administration senators had not taken any definite stand against the resolution, but wanted the committee to be fully advised before a course was decided upon.

Republican members of the committee were understood to have favored the resolution, but then joined with the Democrats in preparing to get all the facts from Secretary Lansing before reporting to the Senate.

Senator Hitchcock introduced a substitute resolution in the committee, which besides authorizing the president to break diplomatic relations with Mexico, would pledge support of Congress to him in any subsequent action he might decide upon.

The state department had received notice of the official receipt by Carranza of its latest note in the Jenkins case and officials were awaiting a reply.

Under the Fall resolution, which was being considered by the Senate foreign relations committee, the whole Mexican problem would be presented to Congress, where there is considerable sentiment in favor of taking the initiative away from the state department and without waiting for further provocation from Mexico, urging the president to hand over passports to the Mexican ambassador and shut off further diplomatic parity.

NO CONFIRMATION OF VILLA CAPTURE

Mexican Officials at Juarez Have No Definite News Concerning the Rumor.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 4.—Mexican officials here today were still without confirmation of the reported capture of Francisco Villa by members of his band who are said to be holding him for ransom.

Both civil and military officials were striving for confirmation through every available channel.

The report of the capture came in a dispatch from a telegraph operator at Parral to P. W. Caballero, superintendent of the National railways of Mexico for Chihuahua, who is here on an inspection trip.

In some quarters little credence was placed in the report, while in others it was regarded as extremely probable, in view of the interference with the Villa program to avenge the execution of General Felipe Angeles, his chief lieutenant.

HISTORIC THEATRE BURNED.

French Opera House in New Orleans Where Patti Made American Debut.

New Orleans, Dec. 4.—The historic French opera house at Bourbon and Toulouse streets, scene of the debut in the United States of Adelya Patti, and where many of the most noted singers of the world have been heard, was destroyed early today by fire. The loss was estimated at \$200,000.

The opera house was erected 60 years ago, being formally opened in December, 1859.

SUSPEND TRIAL BY JURY.

And Will Substitute Trial by Commission in Ireland.

London, Dec. 4 (Via Montreal).—The British cabinet, according to the Daily News today, has decided to suspend trial by jury for crimes of violence in Ireland and to substitute trial by a commission of three judges.

SOUTH DAKOTA 21ST STATE TO RATIFY WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 4.—Ratification of the federal woman suffrage resolution was completed by the South Dakota legislature when the Senate passed the measure early today. The lower house acted on the resolution on Wednesday. South Dakota is the 21st state to ratify the amendment.

GERMANY DENIES INCREASING ARMY

And Regrets That Allies Will Not Confer on Subject of Increasing German Police Forces.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—The government today gave out the text of the entente note of Dec. 1, protesting against the development of Germany's military forces. The note refers to the formation of bodies outside the actual army, such as the public security police, the volunteer guard and the citizens' guard, in contravention, it is declared, of the peace treaty.

The note says the organizing of these bodies "may be interpreted as an intention on the part of Germany not to fulfill the terms of the treaty" and it demands the terms of the treaty be abolished these forces or to reduce them in accordance with the provisions of the treaty.

According to a semi-official explanation issued here, the government denies any intention of increasing the army. It declares that the reduction of the army to the stipulated limit of 200,000 is in full swing, and it expresses regret that there has never been a beginning of the mutual discussion with the entente on the subject of the strength of the police forces which Germany finds it necessary to maintain in the interest of public security, although Germany several months ago suggested such a discussion.

SHIP OF TROUBLE TOSSING ON ATLANTIC

Fever Rages on Board, Two of Crew Have Broken Legs and Ship Is Short of Provisions.

Boston, Dec. 4.—The British schooner St. Claire Theriault is in real distress. Tossing in the Atlantic, the little vessel is a ship of trouble. Fever is raging on board, two of the men have broken legs and the ship is short of provisions. Assistance is needed immediately, according to wireless messages received here today.

The messages, which were intercepted by shore stations, were sent out by an unidentified steamer. They gave the position of the St. Claire Theriault as being between the two prime meridian lines, but in a track followed by many tramp ships. The steamer which relayed the message did not state whether it was in position to give the needed aid.

The St. Claire Theriault, which is owned at Weymouth, N. S., is a schooner of 346 tons. She was last reported at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, on Sept. 18, bound for Maio, probably on a trading venture between voyages.

REPORTED HARD AGROUND.

British Steamer Aranmore in Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Boston, Dec. 4.—The British steamer Aranmore, which has been on coastal service in the waters of the maritime provinces, was reported hard aground on rocks in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with her crew ready to abandon her, in wireless messages received here today. "Our captain cannot say where we are," but gave the probable location of the vessel as "west of St. Mary's island, off Harrington." Efforts to locate such a place on available charts were without success.

BIG SHIP LAUNCHED.

The Lake Geyser Is Floated in Lake Michigan.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The Lake Geyser, a 4200-ton ocean-going passenger vessel, today floated in Lake Michigan, and the United States shipping board's program in Chicago was ended. The Lake Geyser was the last of 25 ships launched at the docks of the Chicago Shipbuilding company during the last two years.

TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE.

On Boston-St. John Steamship Line and Boston-Bangor Line.

Boston, Dec. 4.—Discontinuance of service on the International line to St. John, N. B., on Dec. 8 and on the Bangor line on Dec. 5 was announced by the Eastern Steamship Co. today. The last return trip from St. John will be made Dec. 10 and from Bangor on Dec. 8, ice permitting.

TO SEAT 100,000.

Chicago Stadium to Be Largest Open-Air Gathering Place in the World.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Plans for the Chicago stadium in Grant park, to be the largest open-air gathering place in the world, became known today with announcement of awards of prizes for plans.

The structure is to be horseshoe shaped, of concrete and marble, with a seating capacity of 100,000, according to the plan. It is estimated it will cost at least \$1,725,000.

DOESN'T WANT NEGRO TROOPS

Gov. Robertson of Oklahoma Says That They Will Complicate Situation

IF BROUGHT INTO COAL REGIONS

So He Cancels the Request Made for Government Protection

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 4.—Governor Robertson today cancelled his request for troops to protect mine properties when he learned that two companies of negro infantrymen were to be sent to the state from Columbus, N. M. In a message to Major General Dickman, commander of the southern division of the army at San Antonio, Tex., Governor Robertson declared these troops would only "involve us in unnecessary conflict and confusion," and formally withdrew his request.

FIVE STATES GET MORE COAL ALLOTMENT

Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas to Receive the Benefit of New Order.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—After a conference with Fuel Administrator Garfield, Senator Cummins of Iowa announced today that the fuel administration had agreed to increase by 50 per cent the coal allotment for Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas.

Under the new allotment, Senator Cummins said, these states will receive a total of 1,500 cars daily instead of 1,000. Senator Cummins told the fuel administration officials the situation in those states was becoming serious and unless action was taken immediately suffering would result.

SIX MINERS HEADS SURRENDER THEMSELVES

Headed by John L. Lewis, They Presented Themselves to U. S. Marshal Stoen at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 4.—Headed by Acting President John L. Lewis, six general district officials of the United Mine Workers of America appeared at the federal building shortly before noon today and surrendered to United States Marshal Stoen, who held capias for their arrest on information filed yesterday, charging 80 offenses of the organization with contempt of court.

NEW HOTEL CORPORATION.

Fairlee Hotel Co. Is Capitalized at \$50,000—Two More Corporations.

The Fairlee Hotel company of Fairlee has filed articles of association in the secretary of state's office for the purpose of conducting a hotel in the village. The capital stock is \$50,000, and the papers are signed by J. E. Munn, J. E. Andrews, R. N. Danahy, B. W. Abbott, L. E. Andrews, A. L. Warren and C. F. Thurber.

The Bennington Restaurant company has filed articles in the same office with a capital stock of \$5,000. The papers are signed by 10 persons. One of the peculiar things about the provisions is that the articles limit the service to inhabitants of Bennington, according to the interpretation made this morning in the secretary's office.

The Vermont Farm Machine corporation of Bellows Falls, with a capital stock of \$120,000, has filed articles in the same office. These are signed by H. J. Searles, Mabel Pike and Minnie Marshall of Bellows Falls.

"BLOWN UP AND SUNK."

American Steamer Kerwood's Crew Were Saved.

New York, Dec. 4.—The American steamship Kerwood, from New York to Hamburg, previously reported as having struck a mine in the North sea on Dec. 1, was "blown up and sunk," according to a cable received today by the American Ship & Commerce Navigation Co., her owners. The crew landed at Leer, Germany, the cable added.

It is presumed by the owners that the ship is a total loss. Her cargo consisted to a large extent of foodstuffs and supplies sent by Americans to relatives in Germany. The steamer, registering 3,651 tons, was formerly under the Austrian flag.

AMERICAN COAL FOR CUBA.

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 3.—Control over all coal supplies throughout the republic was taken over by the government tonight, a presidential decree to that effect having been issued. Coal owned by individuals, companies or societies must not be sold without authority from the government.

Immediate exportation of 27,000 tons of coal to Cuba has been allowed by the United States government to relieve this country's fast disappearing supplies.

FIND SOLUTION FOR ADRIATIC DIFFICULTIES

Under-Secretary Frank Polk and Premier Clemenceau Said to Have Signed the Agreement, and Great Britain Is Ready to Sign.

WAS FRAMED TO CONCILIATE THE ITALIAN PEOPLE

The Exact Nature of the Proposal Has Not Been Divulged—One Report Has It That D'Annunzio Will Retire His Army in Favor of the Italian Regulars.

London, Dec. 4.—An agreement, which it is hoped will solve the Adriatic question, has been prepared in Paris by the Americans, French and British peace representatives for submission to Italy, according to private dispatches today. Frank L. Polk, under secretary of state, and Premier Clemenceau are declared already to have signed the agreement, and it is understood Great Britain is prepared to sign, upon which the agreement will be handed over to the Italian plenipotentiary in Paris.

The nature of the proposals is not stated, but they are said to have been framed with a view to satisfying the Italian people.

D'ANNUNZIO WILL WITHDRAW

And the Italian Regulars Will Occupy Fiume and Other Territory.

London, Dec. 4.—Italian regulars will occupy Fiume and the territory included in the treaty of London, signed in 1915 by representatives of Italy, France, Great Britain and Russia, according to a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio's volunteers will withdraw from Fiume, it is said, under the terms of an agreement reached as a result of negotiations between London and Paris.

WILL TELL GERMANY WHAT SHE MUST DO

Supreme Council Is Preparing a Reply to Germany's Statement of Declaration to Sign Protocol.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The supreme council spent the greater part of today's session discussing the attitude of Germany toward the signing of the protocol putting the peace treaty into effect. Germany's representatives have declared they could not sign it in its present form, including its provision for reparation for the German warships sunk at Scapa Flow, and with other features objectionable to them. The form of a note to Germany on this question was considered by the council, but no final decision was taken.

It is anticipated, in this connection, that the reply to the German note regarding the Scapa Flow question will contain very strong representations as to the consequences of further resistance by Germany.

Advices received from London state that papers recovered from the German warship Emden, which has been floated at Scapa Flow, show that Rear Admiral Adolf Von Trotha, head of the German admiralty, wrote a letter to Admiral Von Reuter on May 9, 1919, telling the latter, who was in command of the interned German ships, that the surrender of the ships to the enemy "remains out of the question." Directions from Admiral Von Reuter to his officers giving orders as to the scuttling of the ships were also found in the Emden's safe.

These documents probably will have a bearing on future developments of the situation which is delaying the final step in putting the peace treaty into effect. The council today decided to give the small powers which possess sea coasts a few of the smaller German torpedo boats.

SURPRISE AWAITING THEM.

When Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman Arrive.

New York, Dec. 4.—Intimations that a surprise is in store for Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman when they are surrendered at Ellis Island tomorrow noon for deportation were given today by Byron H. Uhl, acting commissioner of immigration at the island.

"I understand the department has something up its sleeve," he said, "but I don't know what it is."

Uhl disagreed with the contention of Harry Weinberger, attorney for the two anarchists, that they must be deported to Soviet Russia and that such action cannot be taken until the United States recognizes the bolsheviks.

"The law provides for deportations to the countries whence the aliens came," he said. "They can be deported to Russia regardless of changes in government."

The large number of "guests" now being put in a room with some three or four other male radicals who recently conducted hunger and silence strikes, while Miss Goldman may have to join Ethel Bernstein and Dora Lipkin, who also were on strike.

GOVERNMENT GIVES UP CONTROL OF SUGAR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Abandonment of governmental attempts to control the distribution and sale of sugar was announced today by Attorney General Palmer.

After the sugar equalization board is dissolved Dec. 31, the government will confine its efforts to prosecution of profiteering in sugar, Mr. Palmer said.

IS MOTHER OF THREE FOOTBALL CAPTAINS

Mrs. Mary E. Callahan of Lawrence Has Unusual Distinction of Having Her Sons Lead Yale, Princeton and Lawrence High School Next Year

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Mary E. Callahan learned today that she was the mother of three football captains. From New Haven came word that her first-born, John Timothy Callahan, known to all Yale as "Tim," had been elected leader of the Blue eleven. Her second son, Harry A. Callahan, familiarly called "Mike," was chosen captain of the Princeton team. Brother of the collegiate heroes, the "baby" of the house of Callahan, Arthur, is captain of the Lawrence high school eleven for next year.

"I am a happy mother, and a proud one," said Mrs. Callahan. She said she had given her consent to "Tim's" returning to Yale next year at his request, although it was his original intention to take a war-time degree in June. "I suppose he wanted to show that Yale's going to both Princeton and Harvard this year was all a mistake, and I want him to show it, too," she added. Mrs. Callahan said she was undecided whether she would again attempt the proud ordeal of watching a Yale-Princeton game in which her two sons, both now the leaders of their teams, would come to grips as rival captains.

"The excitement of that game at New Haven was great," she remarked, in referring to the Yale-Princeton game which she saw three weeks ago. "I do not know whether I shall try and see 'Fighting Tim' Callahan, the Yale captain, is 24 years old. He prepared for college at Andover, and has played center on two Blue varsity elevens. His brother 'Mike,' who played center and was captain of the Princeton 'informal' team of last fall, is two years younger. He differed from 'Tim' in that he was a preparatory school boy as he did in colleges, having prepared at Exeter. The question whether young Arthur, after finishing at high school, will choose Andover or Exeter, Yale or Princeton, as preparatory school and college is one which Mrs. Callahan said Arthur would decide for himself.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL GUARANTEE FRANCE

Against Unprovoked Attack By Germany Whether United States Signs the Treaty or Not.

Paris, Dec. 4 (Havas).—Terms of the tripartite agreement guaranteeing France against unprovoked attack by Germany will be carried out by Great Britain regardless of whether the United States, the other participant, ratifies the pact, according to newspapers here, which state that negotiations to this end have been almost completed between the French and British governments.

Under the terms of the agreement, it would become operative when both Great Britain and the United States ratify it. The form has already been acted favorably on the convention, but the Franco-American end of the pact has never been acted upon by the United States Senate.

INSTITUTIONS SATISFACTORY.

Board of Control Visits Several of Them This Week.

The Vermont state board of control visited the Brattleboro retreat Monday afternoon. It met next there by Dr. S. E. Lawton, superintendent. Mr. Vandever, steward, former Judge James M. Tyler and Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood, the two latter being trustees. The board inspected the entire premises and inquired into the management and present condition of the retreat. They found the buildings and wards in better condition than at any time in a number of years. Much has been done in painting and repairing, which has contributed greatly to the appearance of the institution.

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BOX OF \$25,000 WAS NOTHING BUT JUNK

Somebody with an Eye to Quick Riches Had Taken Out the Gold While Box Was in Shipment to China.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—A box containing \$25,000 in gold coin shipped by a local national bank on the liner Korea Maru, was found to contain scrap iron and metal washers when opened by the consignee in Hong Kong, according to cable advices received by the bank and steamship company today.

Officials of the bank said they believed the substitution was either made on board the steamer or after the consignee reached Hong Kong.

CRIMINALS OF ALL STRIPES

Were Gathered in by U. S. Dragnet Spread in the Western Cities

RAID MADE OVER HEADS OF POLICE

Even the Toledo Chief of Police Didn't Know of the Plans

Toledo, O., Dec. 4.—Federal raids that started here yesterday and resulted in the detention of more than 130 men, one of them a city councilman, were continued today.

The raids yesterday developed the fact, the officers said, that Toledo is headquarters for some of the most prominent safe-blowers, burglars and confidence men in the country.

It was said that a number of police officers were under investigation and that safety deposit boxes in banks had been attached and will be inspected for evidence.

Several thousand dollars' worth of narcotics were found hidden in cellars, together with a large quantity of goods known to have been stolen from interstate railroad shipments.

So secret were arrangements for the invasion of the federal officers negotiated that not even the chief of police was cognizant of it. Investigations had been going on for more than a month.

The capture of a number of well-known crooks was a surprise in some circles. Mayor Schreiber ordered a cleanup just prior to the last municipal election and the director of public safety a few days later announced that the city had been cleared of all undesirable.

"HARD TICKET" MEN HELD IN DETROIT

Following a Round-Up by Officials Last Night Following Many Crimes Recently.

Detroit, Dec. 4.—Thirty-five men were held on charges of violation of the United States criminal code today after examination of more than 100 arrested last night in a round-up of near-beer saloons and other places suspected of harboring yeggmen and pickpockets responsible for the large number of burglaries and hold-ups here recently. The raids were conducted by federal agents, police, postoffice inspectors and a score of private detectives.

A private bank was among the places raided and its manager, George Kolowick, is being held on a charge of receiving and holding property stolen from the government. A number of Liberty bonds of various denominations and war savings stamps are said to have been taken from the bank.

Several thousand dollars worth of jewelry and valuable furs, said by the police to be stolen property, was recovered.

Among the prisoners held, the police say, are some of the best known "safe men" and "stick-up men" in the business.

NEW ENGLAND BEGINS TO FEEL COAL PINCH

Some Concerns Have Only a Week's Supply and Small Communities Report Only Small Amounts on Hand.

Boston, Dec. 4.—Reports that soft coal ordered for New England might be diverted to western cities caused some concern among large consumers here today, although distributors agreed that the district was better off as regards its supply than some other sections. Several manufacturing centers reported that the fuel on hand would last less than a month under the present rate of distribution. Thus far no curtailment on account of fuel limitation has been announced by New England railroads, which are said to have enough coal to run 30 days.

William A. Clark, president of the New England Coal Dealers' association, said today that while this district had been more fortunate than many others, he declared manufacturing plants were beginning to feel the shortage and more coal must be obtained if conditions were to remain near normal.

Plans for handling the New England situation were discussed at length yesterday by a special distributing committee composed of representatives of the railroads, the public and the fuel administration. Allen M. McLeod, representing the fuel administration, was sent to Washington last night to confer with the western fuel committee and urge a continuation of at least the present ratio of shipments.

The committee announced that Boston and most of the large cities of New England were well supplied considering the 50 per cent cut in their soft coal receipts, but that many of the small communities reported acute shortages. There was said to be only six days' supply on the island of Nantucket.

The Rockingham Electric Light and Power company, which supplies Portsmouth and Dover, N. H., and the lines of the Eastern Massachusetts Street and Nahua, N. H., and Haverhill, Newburyport, North Amesbury and Lowell, notified its consumers that its fuel supply would be exhausted in a week and that it was unable to obtain a new supply.

Twenty-Eight New National Banks.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Charters were issued to 28 new national banks, with an aggregate capital of \$1,505,000, in November, compared with the 28 charters Williams stated today.

DEER GROWING BIGGER; THIS ONE WEIGHED 300

The largest deer killed in Vermont thus far was reported today by Earl Chaffee of East Montpelier, who brought down a buck weighing 300 pounds by actual weight.

Today's reports brought the state's total up to 566, with Washington county credited with 53.

BARNES—THURBER.

Wedding of Williamstown Girl and a Y. D. Man Last Evening.

Harold George Barnes, son of Mrs. George W. Barnes of Elm street, Montpelier, and Miss Lona Belle Thurber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram A. Thurber of Williamstown, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening.

The rooms were very prettily decorated in red and evergreens, the ceremony being performed under an arch of white roses and foliage, with a bell suspended from the ceiling. Red, white and green hung in festoons from the ceiling.

At 8:30, to the strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Lona Sanders, the bride party entered the parlor, led by Miss Dorothy Soper, flower girl, and Harold Laviolette, ring bearer, carrying the ring on a small Bible. They were followed by Miss Blanche Barnes, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid, and Leon Thurber, twin brother of the bride, as best man. Before a party of over 50 relatives and friends, they were united in marriage by Rev. Charles St. John, pastor of the Congregational church in Montpelier.

The bride was very prettily gowned in white silk crepe de chine and white satin and wore a bridal veil. She carried pink roses. The bridesmaid wore light blue silk and carried pink carnations.

After the ceremony, there was an informal reception tendered the young people. In the receiving line were the bride and groom and their attendants. Leon Thurber sang a song which he composed for the occasion. He was accompanied by Dr. Bailey at the piano. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were daintily served.

The bride was born in Berlin, but has lived most of her life in Williamstown. She attended Spaulding high school, Barre, and South Lancaster academy, Massachusetts. She is a nurse by profession.

The groom was born in Waterbury but has lived in Montpelier since of school age. He attended Montpelier high school. He was very overseas, being among the very first to volunteer. He was sergeant of ordinance department of the 101st ammunition train. He also saw service at the Mexican border. Mr. Barnes is an expert machinist and is employed at Drown's garage in Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes were the recipients of many beautiful presents, among which were pictures, linen, cut glass, silver and china. After a short wedding trip, spent in Boston, they will be at home after Jan. 1 at 43 Summer street, Montpelier.

ST. JOHNSBURY MILL BURNS; LOSS \$40,000

A. H. McLeod Milling Co. Loses in Fire Which Was Hard Fought Last Night.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 4.—A fire lasting several hours, the blaze from which illuminated the landscape for a radius of many miles, practically destroyed the A. H. McLeod Milling company's grain mill here last evening. Besides the destruction of the mill, the blaze completely burned down one of the grain elevators which was partly filled with grain, but, through desperate efforts of the St. Johnsbury firemen, who fought the flames hour after hour with the temperature below zero, the other grain elevator, containing \$75,000 worth of grain, was saved. The loss was estimated at \$40,000, which was well covered by insurance.

The cause of the fire was a defective chimney that set fire to the building, which was of wood and immediately became a mass of seething flames. Henry Brady, night foreman of the mill, discovered the blaze, and had already given some headway that the use of extinguishers within the building was impossible. The two fire companies of the city, the St. Johnsbury company and the scale works' company, at once responded, but did not gain control of the conflagration until 10 o'clock, two hours after it had been discovered.

The foundry owned by O. V. Hooker & Son, which stands near the grain mill, was saved from destruction only by the frantic work of the firemen.

Two years ago the McLeod plant was purchased by Edgar H. Brown and the small communities reported acute shortages. There was said to be only six days' supply on the island of Nantucket.

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CLAN OFFICER 21 YEARS.

Robert Gordon Declined Re-Election Last Night.

The election of officers to serve Clan Gordon No. 12, O. S. C